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To the Members and Friends of N.C.N.A.

During a recent Board of Directors meeting for one of the member clubs, it was noted that junior participation in the club had declined drastically. There was a great deal of discussion, most of it non-productive, focusing largely on give-aways and other one shot functions. I believe that any such effort must focus on the day-to-day and month-to-month needs of the junior collector.

The junior collector has at least five basic needs.

He needs to have sufficient money to add to a collection, even at face value only. If there is a recurring real shortage of money in his life, a coin collection will not be a long term venture. Such a youngster should be encouraged to collect (cancelled) stamps. That is a very good hobby also.

The young collector needs security for his collection. If a sibling (or parent) can and is inclined to raid the collection, the hobby will be short-lived. A junior collector must be taught to guard his collection.

The junior collector must, by his own efforts, be able to add to his collection on a regular basis. If he can no longer add to it, he will lose both satisfaction and hope. He may successfully put the collection aside for awhile, but the temptation will always be there to cash it in for something more appealing to him at the time.

Adult approval is needed. It is very difficult to pursue a hobby on a desert island. The collector needs someone to whom he can show his treasures with a sense of pride. This normally comes from a parent or relative, or sometimes a scout master. Members of a coin club can provide additional positive reinforcement.

Last, but by no means least, the young collector needs a companion from his own peer group who shares his interest. It is simply a fact of life that youngsters relate to their peers. A lone junior will not attend an all-adult club for long.

How can the club help? Rides are an important factor. Usually a parent provides the first few rides to and from. A club member who has become friendly with a parent might be the source of an occasional ride. If you are a member and your son or daughter shows an interest in the hobby, inviting a friend of your child who has a similar interest will help keep them interested in the club and in the hobby.

Those who sell coins at a club should remember that a regular customer is worth far more than a one-time killing. When dealing with a junior at a club meeting, bend over backwards to see to it that they have a good deal. A youngster will long remember a bad deal at a club meeting, and will often attribute it to the entire club rather than an individual. And he or she may very well pass the word on to other potential junior members.

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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: AN Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

On Monday, June 25th, I had the unique, once-in-a-lifetime honor and privilege, never-to-be repeated, opportunity to inspect and examine part of a hoard of one thousand (1,000) 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollars still retained by the State of Iowa which never before had been studied nor even viewed since being stored away back in 1948.

This opportunity, certainly the highpoint of my life and numismatic hobby, is one that I am rightly proud of and properly obligated to thank those who help make it possible. For this reason, I would like in this editorial to thank publicly these fine individuals:

First is the Honorable Michael L. Fitzgerald, State Treasurer of Iowa, who agreed to this and for his kindness and interest. I know of no other official who would allow myself and others to examine some Iowa Half Dollars in his office while he went about his State business. Mr. Fitzgerald is a Democrat, and having joked with him, he knows that I am a Republican, but he would have my vote. Thanks.

Second is Steven F. Miller, Deputy State Treasurer of Iowa, who has repeatedly assisted me in my research into the Iowa Half Dollar. He, while we were in Iowa, was most hospitable and cooperative, even driving us to Iowa City and touring the sites. I hope that I may continue to call upon him in my research and writing. Thanks.

Third are Donald and Helen Carmody, noted commemorative coinage specialists, who travelled also to Iowa for this opportunity and who have consistently supported me in my research and writing. I pray that my endeavor is deserving of their moral support. Thanks, Donald and Helen.

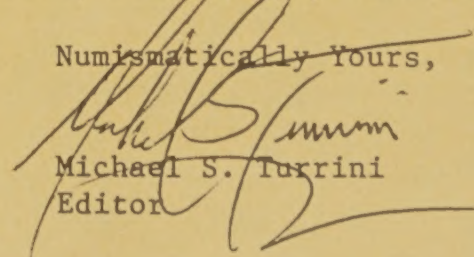
Fourth are Jan and Joyce Henke, who both agreed to travel to Iowa taking me along, and my sincere thanks to Jan who made sure by getting-up at 2:00am that we both were in Des Moines early that Monday morning. Thanks, Jan and Joyce.

Fifth are the Henke Family members in Iowa, who with their hospitality, use of a car in which Jan and I drove hundreds of miles, rooms to stay, and meals made the visit to Iowa a most enjoyable and memorable trip. I shall never forget their fellowship and kindness. Thanks, Margaret 'Mother' Henke, Joe and Dianna Henke, and Bill and Julie Henke. Also, special to Fonda Henke: you will never learn my age. Thanks.

Sixth is Larry Adams, who as Curator of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace Museum in Boone, Iowa was most helpful in my research and who loaned me, just on my word, a Iowa galvano plaque, only one of three known. Thanks, Larry.

When someone has such a special opportunity, it is correct and right to remember those who assisted, and thus to all the above, I end simply 'God Bless'.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1990 Dues Renewals

Regretfully, some six (6) Coin Club Members and twenty-six (26) Individual Members had failed to renew their membership in NCNA; these numbers represents one-fourth of NCNA's total membership as of January 1990. Contrary to be a nationally known regional organization, NCNA's membership has never been large, and this severe drop in members is far from insignificant. Only Coin Clubs having failed to renew have been sent this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales. All others have been dropped.

NCNA San Francisco International Coin Convention

Is the new name of NCNA's annual coin show and will be this August 10, 11, and 12, 1990, Friday thru Sunday, at its long time site, the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, in San Francisco. Hours are:

DEALER ONLY--Thursday, August 9th, 4:00pm to 8:00pm

PUBLIC--Friday, August 10th, 10:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday, August 11th, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, August 12th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Billed as 'the road to Seattle 1990 begins in San Francisco', reference to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention later in August, heavy publicity is being promoted in the numismatic media for this Coin Convention and an outstanding Bourse is being planned. For both Bourse and Hotel information, contact:

Ron Miller
Fremont Coin Gallery
3769 Peralta Blvd.
Fremont, California 94536
415-792-1511

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Is not scheduled as NCNA Heads and Tales goes to print. Notices will be mailed to all Club Members and officers when both date and site have been selected.

Coin Clubs and NCNA Heads and Tales

If a coin club, NCNA Club Member or not, fails to send in on-time its periodical or news release, then NCNA Heads and Tales simply will not report nor cover the event or story. Several coin clubs have stopped or are irregular in mailing such, and coverage for these has, as a result, been incomplete. Also, although Your Editor is a member of several coin clubs, a separate full mailing to NCNA Heads and Tales is required; this being for convenience and completeness of Your Editor. Coin Clubs are encouraged to add NCNA Heads and Tales to their mailing lists; refer to post office box on title page.

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BRNACH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Livermore Valley Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Stanislaus County Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Peninsula Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club

Livermore Valley Coin Club Has sent only one of its newsletters. Come On, LVCC, keep NCNA Heads and Tales informed.

Reno Coin Club Writes that the exhibit winners at its 6th Annual Reno Coin Show last April 22nd were: DOUG MCDONALD, Adult First Place, ROBERT SUTTER, Adult Second Place, MEGAN ANDREWS, Junior First Place, MANDY WILLIAMS, Junior Second Place, and NATE YOUELL, People's Choice. It was also reported that DOUG MCDONALD was "presented with a special award at the Show and was made a Life Member of the Reno Coin Club for doing such a wonderful job these past years. Congratulations, DOUG! Our Club is very proud of you".

Stanislaus County Coin Club Has sent two issues of its monthly newsletter. The April Issue provided a complete listing by date and program of the Club's meetings and activities for the remainder of 1990; nice idea! LINDA WILLIAMS is the new Editor of the SCCC's newsletter. The SCCC's Club Picnic is set for September 16th with HAL DEBOARD as the Coordinator.

Solano Silver Round Club Writes that its new monthly meeting location is the Mandarin Restaurant, 219 Texas Street, on the curve of Texas Street across from Armijo High School's athletic fields, in Fairfield. The second medal in the SSRC's Second World War Fiftieth Anniversary Silver Round Series has arrived and is being distributed; this medal remembers the June 1940 Fall of France and has a mintage of 86 total. Publicized reports of 81 total are incorrect. The third medal, 1991 issue, in this Series will be for the Pearl Harbor Attack, 1941-1991. Inquiries on this Series may be directed to: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590".

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Redwood Empire Coin Club Heard at its April 25th Meeting JOE PIA talk on his recent trip to Mexico. The theme of the RECC's 1990 Club Medal will be the Hubble Space Telescope.

Napa Valley Coin Club Reports that its 1990 Officers are the same crew who served in 1989: "No surprises this year as the incumbents all ran unopposed. Won't it be fun next year when none of them will be running again?". Continuing its theme night concept for its monthly meetings, October 17th will be the First Foreign Coin Night and November 21st the First United States Cent Night; with Silver Dollar Night, Old Timers Night, Gold Night, et cetera, NVCC's annual calendar is nearly complete. The June 1990 Issue of the NVCC's Napa Valley Numismatic Notes was its Fifth (5th) Anniversary: "That's right. You've been enjoying this miracle of modern publishing for five years now. The miracle being that I [GENE FEIERSTEIN, Editor] manage to write enough to fill-up the whole page every month. Hope you like the new masthead (I got tired of grapes). You probably noticed we are now using envelopes. This means that we can enjoy the latest in technology--the other side of the paper. Of course, its not much fun if it's blank. This is where you come in. Since we now have room for longer articles on numismatic subjects, why don't you write one? No kidding just hand me a draft at the meeting, and I'll immortalize you in print. Such-a-deal!".

Fresno Numismatic Society Has a new Editor of its The Fresno Numismatist; he is LOREN GAITHER: "Forty-nine years ago, as a Sixth Grader, I was a Co-Editor for the Jefferson Live-Wire. Each classroom had a reporter. We were taught that the Editor's jobs were to check the reporter's articles for spelling errors. The principal's secretary did the typing. The Editors took turns cranking the handle of the mimeograph machine. Well, things have not changed much, except YOU are the reporters. I will do the typing because the principal's secretary died. My computer will check for spelling errors, and I will let Quicke Copy turn the handle. The quality of the newsletter depends upon you. Who will be first?".

Peninsula Coin Club Writes that its 1990 Officers are: AL LO, President; HUGH COURTEOL, Vice-President, FRED G. VAN DEN HAAK, Treasurer, and JOHN BROWNE, Secretary. The Past Presidents' Dinner was held last May 14th and attend by all Past Presidents except one from 1973 to date; each PCC Past President received a special uniface engraved silver medal.

Delta Coin Club The DCC's 1990 Club Medal was designed by long-time DCC member RUBEN SMITH, JR. and commemorates the 125th Anniversary of the Stockton and Copperopolis Railroad. April 13th, Friday, was the date of the DCC's First Hot-Dog Potluck which had seventy-three members in attendance; however, "a couple of problems arose: 1. How does one get a 10-inch hot-dog in a 6-inch bun?, and 2. How does one taste a sampling of each dish without being filled to capacity (stomach-wise)?" The DCC's Annual Picnic will be

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this July 15th, again at Micke's Grove; a fun, food-filled and full Sunday is planned.

Gateway Coin Club Had slide-illustrated program 'Odd and Curious Money' at its April 19th Meeting at which JOEL ANDERSON had an exhibit of "wife buying money". The GCC participants in National Coin Week with displays were: BRAD SAYLOR, BRIAN BENJAMIN, and JOHN HOFMANN.

Fremont Coin Club Heard two speakers in May: DON BARSİ on Tax Tokens at its May 8th Meeting and CHUCK WHITE ON Ancient Coins at the May 22nd Meeting: "We sure enjoyed the information supplied by DON BARSİ about his Tax Tokens. DON has scoured the bourse floor of many a coin show to assemble his collection. Maybe 'audit' the bourse floors would be the more appropriate term. Also, CHUCK WHITE spoke concerning his excellent Ancient Coin Collection. CHUCK has a fine collection and his field of knowledge shows the spark of excellence. There is so much to learn in the ancient coin field, and CHUCK certainly did a good job."

Liberty Numismatic Society DAVID LANGE spoke at the LNS' May 1st Meeting on his passion, Seated Liberty Half Dollars. DON BARSİ spoke at the April 3rd Meeting on his speciality, Tax Tokens, and the July 3rd Meeting heard GARY ACQUISTAPACE talk on Gaming Tokens. The LNS reports the mintage of its Club Medals have been revised:
1987--100 silver, 200 antiqued bronze, and 52 golden bronze
1988--100 silver, 250 antiqued bronze with 103 destroyed, and 69 golden bronze

1989--100 silver, 150 antiqued bronze, and 62 golden bronze

The LNS has compiled a listing of its Past Presidents; note the late ROY HILL served eight (8) years! Here are the Presidents:

1957--Merle Crandall	1976--Bill Bennett
1958--Ted Showers	1977-1978--Marian Sinton
1959-1967--Roy Hill	1979-1980--Otis Mills
1968--unknown	1981-1982--Ed Fulwider
1969--E.H. LeBaker	1983--Brian Kestner
1970-1971--Waud Bowers	1984-1985--David Cieniewicz
1972-1973--Stu Denton	1986-1987--Bill Davis
1974-1975--Bill Morgan	1988-1989--David Lange

Cupertino Coin Club Elected its 1990 Officers: RAY JOHNSON, President, KATHERINE RAY, Vice-President; NATHAN MILLER, Youth Vice-President, JEAN PRITCHETT, Secretary, and RON ISHIZAKI, Treasurer. April was the CCC's Twentieth (20th) Anniversary, 1970-1990: "The Club was started in the former Palo Alto-Salinas Savings building (now Great Western Savings), 10250 South Saratoga at Sunnyvale Road, in Cupertino in March 1970. There were twenty-two present, led by Charter Members FRANK NIELSEN, PHIL SOLOMON, CAMERON WANDRY, KEITH WANDRY, and deceased Charter Members RAY ERKSON and RON LAWRENCE. . . . KEITH WANDRY, who is both a Charter and Life Member, told

of his early experiences when our Club first began twenty years ago. He was only eight years old at that time and everyone seemed large. He enjoyed the raffle then and has kept all of his winnings for these past twenty years."

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Commemorated its historic Seventy-Fifth (75th) Anniversary, 1915-1990, at its annual Anniversary Banquet which was also its 892nd Meeting last June 30th. A large gathering including Your Editor witness this momentous event which included awards, honors to long-time members, good food, and much fellowship. April 25th PCNS Meeting heard respected PCNS Fellow DON THRALL speak on Paper Money and Related Items, and the May 30th Meeting heard PCNS Past President O.L. WALLIS speak on Lindbergh Memorabilia. DAVID LANGE and O.L. WALLIS have been re-researching the eight decades of PCNS history and records; among their finds is that three PCNS members have held each membership for fifty-four (54) years! They are: RALPH A. MITCHELL, MARK M. MORRIS, and ERICH WERLING, also "culled from the records, the 25th Anniversary Banquet on June 29, 1940 honored PCNS Founder FARRAN ZERBE, then President OTTO SCHULZ, and ANA First Vice-President HARVEY HANSEN. At the 50th Anniversary Banquet, a engraved golden bowl was presented to PAUL and CAROL SNEDAKER to honor their services to PCNS.". Seventy-five years is a very long time, in fact, it is a lifetime, and over these eight decades some of the leading names in both California and our nation's numismatics have served as PCNS Presidents; here is a complete listing:

1915-1919--Fred T. Hubbart	1949--Roy Hill
1919-1924--Farran Zerbe	1950--Clifford Bloom
1924-1927--Charles B. Turrill	1951-1952--Jack Hecht
1927-1928--sede vacante	1953-1954--Lesley G. Lodge
1929--Basil Brandon	1955-1956--John E. Ohls
1930--Louis Goodman	1957-1958--Robert Patterson
1931--Ernest R. Wernstrom	1959-1960--Clifford Liss
1932--Arthur C. Wyman	1961-1962--Milton Strauch
1933-1935--Ernest R. Wernstrom	1962-1963--Paul Snedaker
1936--Arthur C. Wyman	1965-1966--John Sears
1937--Charles Knabanschuh	1967-1968--Don T. Thrall
1938--William Kraft	1968-1970--Frank Strazzarino
1939--Ralph A. Mitchell	1971-1972--Ruth Ludwigsen
1940--Otto Schulz	1973--Dr. Charles W. Aby
1941--Earl A. Parker	1974-1975--Jay Patterson
1942--Stanley L. Biois	1976-1977--Ed Fulwider
1943--Mark M. Morris	1978-1979--Larry V. Reppeteau
1944--Nathaniel O. Slate	1980-1981--O.L. Wallis
1945--John E. Lenker	1982-1983--Lori Reppeteau
1946-1947--David L. Redfield	1984-1985--Osmyn Stout
1949--Col. Charles Steele	1986-1987--David F. Cieniewicz
1949--Richard Webb	1988-1989--David W. Lange

The PCNS meets on the last Wednesday evening at 8:00pm in The Telephone Museum, 1515 19th Avenue, near Kirkham, in San Francisco. NCNAers are welcomed to visit the only coin club west of the Mississippi which can proudly claim to be the West's oldest.

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Diablo Numismatic Society Has sent only one Diablo Die Break, the DNS' monthly newsletter. April 17th Meeting was the DNS' annual Other Hobbies Night: JAN HENKE, Collection of Canadian Silver Maple Leafs, Eagles, and Medals, STEWART HUCKABY, Will Clark and Kevin Mitchell Silver Rounds, KARL HEUER, Amatuer HAM Radio with contact cards with HAMS in other states and countries, ELAINE INGLE, Perfume Bottle Collection, both French and American, KALA HEUER, Hair Jewelry, made in the Victorian Era from women's hair so that their men would have reminders of them close to their hearts, JAMES LIND, Metal Detecting plus finds that he mainly found in school yards and old homes, JUDY ORTIZ, Rose Gardening, and STAN TURRINI, Railroading Books on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (NWP). Recent DNS Meeting speakers have been: May 17th, STAN TURRINI, on The Presidents and June 21st, PAUL DICKEY, In Case of Audit. July 19th was the date of the DNS' annual Club Picnic.

Fairfield Coin Club Celebrated its Seventeenth (17th) Anniversary, 1973-1990, at its March 28th Meeting with Bingo. May 23rd was the date of the FCC's annual May Potluck which heard RON MILLER speak on Bullion Coins. June 26th Meeting saw the annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction. The FCC will present its First Annual Fairfield Coin Show, Sunday, September 23, 1990, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Student Center, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, in Cordelia, California, off I-80 at Suisun Valley Road. For information, contact: "PO Box 944, Fairfield, California, 94533".

Vallejo Numismatic Society Plans two big theme nights: first, September 5, 1990, first Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, at which retired professor HARRY GRAY will highlight 'California Night' with his entertaining and educating talk 'California Vignettes'; this entire meeting will revolve around the numismatic related topics of our State and have choice California related coin prizes in all the drawings and second, November 7th, also the First Wednesday but starting at 7:00pm, at which Staff Geologist DEAN ENDERLIN of the world-famous Homestake Mining Company will be the main attraction at 'Gold Night' with a slide illustrated program on Homestake's McLaughlin Mine in Napa County; this entire meeting will be dedicated to Gold with only choice gold coins as prizes in all the drawings, Show 'n Tell of Gold, and even golden refreshments. April 4th Meeting was the VNS' annual Other Hobbies Night which had: STAN TURRINI, Souvenir Cards, JAMES LIND, Metal Detacting, DENNIS DUNCAN, Knife Making, WILLYS ALLISON, Matchbook Collecting, VICKIE ALLISON, English Postcards, SAM KNERR, HO and N Scale Model Railroading, KEN SPINGOLA, his 1950 MG, and HOWARD LONSDALE, Traveling. May 2nd Meeting was the annual RON MILLER visit and talk with his presentation on Key Coins. June 6th Meeting was the annual Al Renn Memorial Auction which netted \$93.00 for the VNS. The 1991 19th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be April 28, 1990, Sunday, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at North Camino Alto, in Vallejo. The Bourse Coordinator is: "Maurice Ortiz, PO Box 5096, Concord, California, 94524". For information, contact: "PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590".

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San Jose Coin Club Elected its 1990 Officers at the April 11th Meeting; they are: RON MILLER, President, DEAN ALFRED, Vice-President, MARSHALL MYERS, Recording Secretary, AL LO, Corresponding Secretary, E.P. WALLAKER, Treasurer, and ED SINS, Librarian. At this meeting also, the design for the 1991 Club Medal was selected, and it was done by STEVE and MARTHA SANFORD and features the Empire Street Fire Station, the first in San Jose, on the obverse, and a horse drawn fire wagon, on reverse. May 9th Meeting heard KEN BARR on United States National Currency, and the June 13th Meeting heard CONNIE PERHAM on New Alamaden Tokens, also called 'boletos'. [What are 'boletos?]

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. continued

Summer 1990

The Boy Scouts offer a merit badge in coin collecting. Does the club have any contact with the scouts for providing a specialty counselor?

Sometimes juniors attend by themselves. A club member should have the function of remaining until all of the juniors have left. During my tenure as president of Los Gatos Coin Club. I always did this. or saw to it that someone else did. On one occasion, a family emergency arose and the child's ride was not available. We waited for almost an hour after everyone else had left. A ride home saved the day (or night in this case). And the parents do greatly appreciate this policy.

What I am saying is that handouts and occasional junior programs do not of themselves meet the needs of the junior collector. This is accomplished with time, patience, and understanding.

Edward Sins

Edward Sins, President